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MINIME APPLICATION OF: Bartelmez et al.

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FOR: TRANSFORMING GROWTH FACTOR BETA

(TGF-β) BLOCKING AGENT-TREATED STEM

CELL COMPOSITION AND METHOD

EXAMINER: McGarry, S.

ART UNIT: 1635

CONFIRMATION No.: 5757

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated April 2, 2003 in the above-identified application, please amend the above-identified application as follows.